

Text of S. 293 and H. Con. Res. 68 as Previously Passed:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 3:21 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 13, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3610.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHINESE ESPIONAGE AT DOE LABORATORIES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine alleged Chinese espionage at Department of Energy laboratories, after receiving testimony from Edward J. Curran, Director, Office of Counterintelligence, and Notra

Trulock, III, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Intelligence, both of the Department of Energy; Elizabeth A. Moler, former Deputy Secretary of Energy; John E. Bloodsworth, former Deputy Director, Office of Intelligence, Department of Energy; Paul Richanbach, former Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Energy; and Charles B. Curtis, former Deputy Secretary of Energy.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX FILING

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings on issues relating to small business tax filing, reporting, and maintenance burdens, receiving testimony from Margaret T. Wrightson, Associate Director, General Accounting Office; Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Brian Gloe, Rosse Lithographing Company, Kansas City, Missouri; and Roger N. Harris, Padgett Business Services, Athens, Georgia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 1363–1375; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 44, H. Con. Res. 81–83, and H. Res. 135, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on March 31, Report on Oversight Plans for all House Committees (H. Rept. 106–78);

Filed on April 7, H.R. 851, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish improved predictive models for determining the availability of television broadcast signals (H. Rept. 106–79 Part 1);

H.R. 39, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds, amended (H. Rept. 106–80);

H.R. 769, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions (H. Rept. 106–81);

H.R. 1143, to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other financial services for microenterprises in developing countries (H. Rept. 106–82);

H.R. 46, to provide for a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor

above and beyond the call of duty (H. Rept. 106–83);

H.R. 1189, to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code, and other laws (H. Rept. 106–84);

H. Res. 136, providing for consideration of H.R. 1143, to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other financial services for microenterprises in developing countries (H. Rept. 106–85); and

H.R. 1027, to provide for the carriage by satellite carriers of local broadcast station signals (H. Rept. 106–86).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Douglas Tanner of Washington, D.C.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:42 and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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National Historical Publications and Records Commission: The Speaker appointed Representative Blunt to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

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Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: The Speaker appointed Representatives Young

of Florida and Hefley to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy. **Page H1807**

Board of Visitors U.S. Coast Guard Academy: The Speaker appointed Representative Johnson of Connecticut to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. **Page H1807**

Board of Visitors U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: The Speaker appointed Representative King to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. **Page H1807**

Board of Visitors U.S. Military Academy: The Speaker appointed Representatives Taylor of North Carolina and Kelly to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy. **Page H1807**

Board of Visitors U.S. Naval Academy: The Speaker appointed Representatives Skeen, Gilchrest, Tanner, and Hoyer to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy. **Page H1807**

Congressional Award National Board of Directors: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointments of Representative Romero-Barceló of Puerto Rico, Dolores M. Beilenson of California, Timothy J. Keating of Pennsylvania, and Robert J. Kelley of Missouri to the Congressional Award National Board of Directors. **Page H1807**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Schakowsky wherein she resigned from the Committee on Small Business. **Page H1808**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:32 p.m. and reconvened at 5:51 p.m. **Pages H1822–23**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Otay Mountain Wilderness Act: H.R. 15, to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness; **Pages H1808–12**

Media Fees in the National Parks and Wildlife Refuges: H.R. 154, amended, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units; **Pages H1812–13**

Independence Mall Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: H.R. 449, to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park; **Pages H1813–14**

SBA Disaster Mitigation Program: S. 388, to authorize the establishment of a disaster mitigation pilot program in the Small Business Administration—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H1814–17**

Microloan Program: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 440, to make technical corrections to the Microloan Program—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H1817–18**

Sunrayce 99: H.Con.Res. 48, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the opening ceremonies of Sunrayce 99; **Pages H1818–19**

Earth Force Youth Bike Summit: H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit; **Pages H1819–21**

Aviation War Risk Insurance: H. Res. 135, providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the Senate amendments to H.R. 98, to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 392 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 78); and **Pages H1818, H1831–32**

Terry Sanford Federal Building: H.R. 911, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the “Terry Sanford Federal Building” (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 394 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 79). **Pages H1821–22, H1832**

Concurrent Budget Resolution: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009 and agreed to a conference. **Pages H1823–31**

Appointed as conferees from the Committee on the Budget, Chairman Kasich and Representatives Chambliss, Shay, Spratt, and McDermott. **Page H1833**

Agreed to the Spratt motion to instruct conferees, to insist that tax cuts set forth in the reconciliation directives in the concurrent resolution be reported at the latest possible date within the scope of the conference and to require that the reconciliation legislation implementing these tax cuts not be reported any earlier to provide the Congress with time to first enact legislation extending the solvency of the Social Security and Medicare trust funds, by a yeas and nays vote of 349 yeas to 44 nays, Roll No. 80. **Pages H1823–31, H1832–33**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H1823.

Referrals: S. 243, S. 278, S. 292, S. 293, and S. 382 were referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 334 and S. 422 were referred to the Committee on Commerce; and S. 756 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. **Page H1859**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1831–32, H1832, and H1832–33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: On March 26, the Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs and Thomas M. Thompson, Acting Special Trustee for American Indians.

IRAQI OIL FOR FOOD PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce: On March 26, the Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on The Iraqi Oil for Food Program and Its Impact. Testimony was heard from Representative Watkins; Bill Wood, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of International Organizations, Department of State; Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Carl Michael Smith, Secretary of Energy, State of Oklahoma; Michael Williams, Commissioner, Railroad Commission, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

REVIEW—FEDERAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Committee on Government Reform: On March 31, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on “Can the Federal Government Balance Its Books? A Review of the Federal Consolidated Financial Statements”. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; G. Edward DeSeve, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; and Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

OVERSIGHT—HCFA FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Government Reform: On March 26, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on “Oversight of Financial Management Practices at the Health Care Financing Administration”. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General; and Michael M. Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

MICROENTERPRISE FOR SELF-RELIANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1143, Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 1999. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be open for amendment by section. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the *Congressional Record*. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman and Representative Gejdenson.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D359)

H.R. 540, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the Medicaid Program. Signed March 25, 1999. (P.L. 106–4)

H.R. 808, to extend for 3 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted. Signed March 30, 1999. (P.L. 106–5)

S. 643, to authorize the Airport Improvement Program for 2 months. Signed March 31, 1999. (P.L. 106–6)

H.R. 1212, to protect producers of agricultural commodities who applied for a Crop Revenue Coverage PLUS supplemental endorsement for the 1999 crop year. Signed April 1, 1999. (P.L. 106–7)

S. 314, to provide for a loan guarantee program to address the Year 2000 computer problems of small business concerns. Signed April 2, 1999. (P.L. 106–8)

H.R. 68, to amend section 20 of the Small Business Act and make technical corrections in Title III of the Small Business Investment Act. Signed April 5, 1999. (P.L. 106–9)

H.R. 92, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the “Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. Signed April 5, 1999. (P.L. 106–10)